

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; REQUESTING THE REDESIGNATION OF THE STATE-DESIGNATED TALLAHASSEE / LEON COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE, PROVIDING REASONS FOR REDESIGNATION, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 2005-287, Laws of Florida, the Florida Enterprise Zone Act, require that a resolution be passed requesting redesignation of each existing enterprise zone by the local government(s) submitting an application for redesignation of the enterprise zone to the State of Florida, Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development, and explaining the reasons and conditions for which the Enterprise Zone merits redesignation; and,

WHEREAS, the redesignation is necessary to continue participation in the Florida Enterprise Zone Program past the expiration date of December 31, 2005, until December 31, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee / Leon County Enterprise Zone has been an economic benefit to the residents of Tallahassee and Leon County, and therefore merits redesignation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, that:

1. The Board of County Commissioners finds that the redesignation is necessary to the continued participation in the Florida Enterprise Zone Program, until its current expiration on December 31, 2005.
2. The Board of County Commissioners adopts this resolution in compliance with Chapter 2005-287, Florida Statutes, Florida Enterprise Zone Act, to nominate for the redesignation of the Tallahassee / Leon County Enterprise Zone. The nominated area is herein incorporated by the attached map and by reference as Exhibit A.
3. The Board of County Commissioners finds that the Tallahassee / Leon County Enterprise Zone merits redesignation, given the existing economic conditions of the area herein incorporated by reference as Exhibit B.
4. The Board of County Commissioners finds that the Tallahassee / Leon County Enterprise Zone merits redesignation based on its proven economic benefit represented by the program accomplishments herein incorporated by reference as Exhibit B.

DONE, ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, this 25th day of October 2005.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Cliff Thael, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTESTED BY:
Bob Inzer, Clerk of the Court
Leon County, Florida

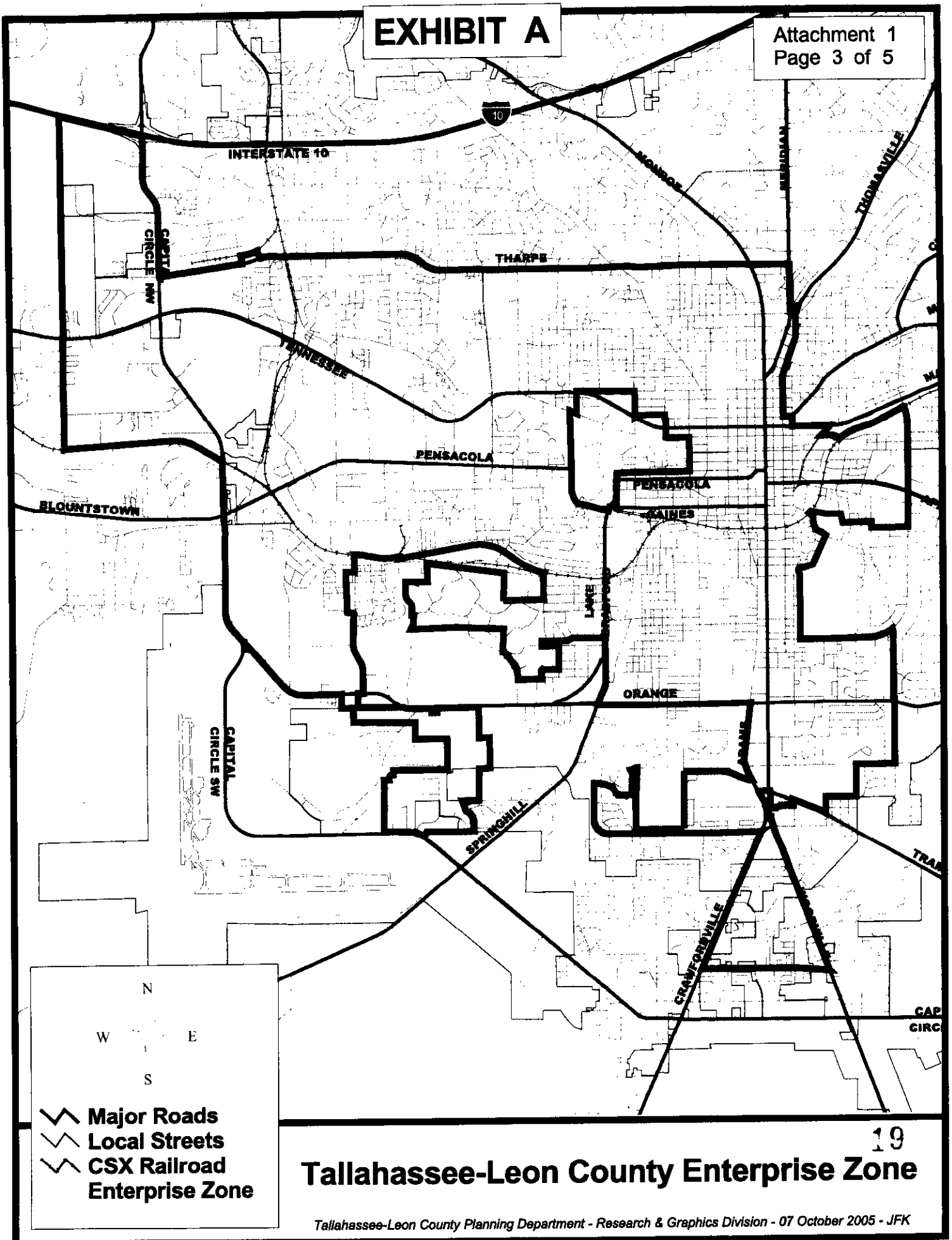
BY: _____

Approved as to Form:
County Attorney's Office
Leon County, Florida

Herbert W.A. Thiele
County Attorney

EXHIBIT A

Attachment 1
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Tallahassee-Leon County Enterprise Zone

Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department - Research & Graphics Division - 07 October 2005 - JFK

EXHIBIT B

**Existing Conditions and Program Accomplishments
of the Tallahassee-Leon County Enterprise Zone**

Existing Conditions Merit Redesignation

The Tallahassee-Leon County Enterprise Zone was designated by the State of Florida, with an effective date of January 1, 2003.

Based on the 2000 Census, the nominated area meets the eligibility requirements for the Florida Enterprise Zone Program pursuant to section 290.0058, Florida Statutes.

More than 52,000 citizens reside within the boundaries of the Tallahassee-Leon County Enterprise Zone. The poverty rate in the Enterprise Zone was over 47% while the unemployment rate was over 18%.

Program Accomplishments of the Enterprise Zone Development Agency (EZDA)

In FY 2004 – 2005 the following accomplishments were achieved:

1. The EZDA staff expanded to two positions in the first quarter 2005: Brad Day, Executive Director of the Tallahassee/Leon County Economic Development Council, Inc. (EDC), EZDA Administrator and Karen Hintz, EDC, Economic Development Program Coordinator.
2. The EZDA Board met on April 11, 2005 to discuss boundary redesignation, planning a June forum, review of the new promotional brochure and to receive an Enterprise Zone law update. The brochure outlines the Enterprise Zone boundaries and is used as a marketing tool to benefit individuals, small and large businesses
3. The EZDA Board met May 17, 2005 to finalize the June forum plans, to discuss the appointment of EDC representatives as signatories and to distribute the new marketing promotional brochure .
4. On July 13 the EDC Program Coordinator attended an Enterprise Zone workshop conducted by the Office of Tourism, Trade & Economic Development in Marianna, FL. The workshop provided a detailed review of the redesignation application package, measurable goals and legislative revisions to the Enterprise Zone incentives.
5. On June 21, 2005 a small business forum was held at the Allen-Shannon Indoor Flea Market. Area business development organizations joined forces to educate the local companies and entrepreneurs on the Enterprise Zone incentives, local and state incentives, employee training and business assistance programs. The forum attracted 23 attendees. Anthony Moore,

reporter, covered the event and wrote the following article "Entrepreneurs see benefits of living in the zone" for the June 30-July 6, 2005 edition of Capital Outlook.

6. The EZDA met on July 20, 2005 to discuss the Enterprise Zone redesignation application process and to ratify the city, county and city planning department representatives as signatories and to approve the EDC representatives as new signatories. The signature authority form was sent to the Office of Tourism, Trade & Economic Development on August 10, 2005, with an effective date of July 20.

7. The EZDA met on August 17, 2005 to approve the redesignation of the Enterprise Zone boundaries and measurable goals and to discuss the format for the next forum to be held in the Fall.

8. For the 2004 -2005 fiscal year, the total total number of Enterprise Zone incentive applications submitted to the DOR were 28 for a total amount of tax refunds or credits in the amount of \$690,115.84. The following is a breakdown of applications with refund or credit amounts.

a.	Jobs Credit (corporate income tax)	\$636,929.76
b.	Business Equipment Sales Tax Refund	\$25,760.95
c.	Building Materials Sales Tax Refund	\$27,425.13

9. Since May 2005, 630 marketing brochures have been distributed at meetings, businesses or mailed out to individuals inquiring about the Enterprise Zone incentives and boundaries.

10. The number of full time employees that live in the Enterprise zone listed in the 2004 – 2005 incentive applications are 338.

11. In accordance with the 2004 – 2005 job credit applications submitted 315 full time jobs were created in the Enterprise Zone

12. The Economic Development Council Tallahassee/Leon County, Inc. (EDC) website www.taledc.com provides a link under the "Business Resources/Economic Incentives" section to search for addresses in the Enterprise Zone. There were 945 hits for the 2004 – 2005 FY. This service assists consultants, the EDC, businesses and individuals in determining if an address is in the zone.